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SUBJECT: DATE FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL

REF: A) SECTO 8009; B) USNATO 3983

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAS TAKEN SOUNDINGS (PER REF A) WITH A
NUMBER OF THE ALLIES TO SEE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO SWITCH TO DECEMBER 15 AND 16 FOR THE WINTER
MINISTERIAL RATHER THAN DECEMBER 11 AND 12. HIS REPORT
(REF B--SENT INFO TO SECRETARY'S PARTY) SHOWS THAT THE
ALLIES HE CONTACTED ARE DEAD SET AGAINST ANY CHANGE.
BELGIUM (THE HOST) IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE 15 AND 16,
TURKS SAY THESE DATES OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THEM,
ITALIANS ALSO OPPOSE SHIFT, BRITISH PREFER 11 AND 12.
THE CHOICE NOW SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN AGREEING TO DECEMBER 11
AND 12 (AS THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED HE COULD IN REF A) OR
MAKING A FAIRLY STRONG PITCH TO THE ALLIES FOR ANOTHER
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DATE AND TELLING THEM WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ANOTHER
DATE BE CHOSEN. AMBASSADOR BRUCE SHOULD NOW BE INSTRUCTED
TO FOLLOW ONE OR THE OTHER COURSE. THE LONGER WE WAIT,
THE HARDER IT WILL BE TO CHANGE THE DATE. INGERSOLL

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